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TOKYO CONFERENCE OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES

A conference of Agricultural Attaches from the Far East and South Asia Area was held in Tokyo, January 14-17, 1964. This was a seminar type meeting, covering major domestic and international matters affecting our Agricultural Attaches' work in market development.

Discussions emphasized marketing problems, but also included the effect of recent international events on world trade, Food for Peace, barter, and the Department of Agriculture's role in developing areas.

Also emphasized was the reporting required to implement the provisions, and the receipt and distribution of commodities sold under Public Law 480.

The Department of Agriculture was represented by Dr. Roland R. Renne, Assistant Secretary; W.A. Minor, David L. Hume, James H. Boulware, and John H. Dean, all of FAS; Nathan M. Koffsky of ERS and Philip E. Shapiro, IG.

Following the Tokyo Conference Dr. Renne and Mr. Dean were scheduled to visit Manila; Mr. Hume, Seoul, and Mr. Boulware, Rangoon, Karachi, New Delhi, and Bombay to review post operations. Mr. Minor planned to be away from Washington about three weeks and to visit Hong Kong, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, and Djakarta.

Meeting with the Attaches were the American Ambassador to Japan, Edwin O. Reischauer, and the Minister for Economic Affairs, Arthur Z. Gardiner, Congressmen Joseph P. Addabbo and Robert H. Michel; Irwin R. Hedges, Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations; Joseph A. Greenwald, Department of State; and members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees and the Senate Agriculture Committee.

SECRETARY ADDRESSES ROME FAO SESSION



Secretary Freeman addresses a market development luncheon in Rome in November while there for the 12th Session of the FAO Conference. Bob Tetro had just introduced the Secretary in Italian. L. to r. Bob Tetro, Secretary Freeman, Ambassador G. Frederick Reinhardt.

LOOKING AHEAD

Events and developments in 1964, which will command FAS attention and energies, include the GATT world-wide tariff negotiations in Geneva beginning in early May; negotiations with the French for the removal of import restrictions on fruits and vegetables; the "Yearbook of Agriculture" which will be devoted to agricultural world trade; several small commodity cooperator-type exhibits in the United Kingdom, West Germany, France, Italy, Austria, and Luxembourg; and an attache-cooperator exhibit on livestock in Venezuela.

Ra **M** B Li Ng a R o U N d

Rado J. Kinzhuber, Assistant Agricultural Attache, Rio de Janeiro, and Mrs. Kinzhuber became the parents of a 9 lb. son, Alexander Rado, on October 22.

William F. Doering, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Commodity Programs, our wine connoisseur, contributed an expert appraisal entitled "The Past Six Vintages in the Rhone," to the autumn 1963 issue of "Wine & Food." It was based upon his visit to the Cotes-du-Rhone during the harvest of 1962.

Guy A.W. Schilling, Cotton Division marketing specialist, pinch hit for Dr. Montell "Monty" Ogdon, recently in conducting a GW University Graduate School seminar on foreign trade from the private merchandising aspect.

Donald L. McDonald, Attache at Beirut, spent a few days in Iraq in early January to work with FAS team on Title IV possibilities.

Dick Welton, Assistant Attache, Buenos Aires, returned to B.A. late in January after home leave, and Henry Buckardt, Attache, is back in Montivideo after home leave which included visits to Illinois and Washington.

Bill Callan, Attache, Trinidad, has returned to his post recovered from a bout of illness while on home leave.

Paul Ferree has got his beehives, of Salisbury fame, reestablished at Leopoldville.

With the arrival of independence for Kenya and the elevation of the Consulate General in Nairobi to Embassy status, Bill Hatch's title has been changed to Agricultural Attache.

Alvin E. Gilbert, Agricultural Attache, stopped in FAS to say "hello" en-route to San Salvador after spending the holidays with his parents in Maine.

Ford M. Milam was in the hospital in Rio de Janeiro for several days after a heart attack on December 30. At last writing Ford was recovering nicely.

Daniel E. Brady, Agricultural Attache in Lagos, plans an extensive trip during late February and all of March. He will visit various regions of Nigeria and parts of Niger, Dahomey, Togo, and Ghana.

Harry I. Dunkleberger, Assistant General Sales Manager, and Judson E. Evans, Staff Assistant, left on January 7 to discuss sales of surplus agricultural commodities with government officials in Lebanon, Iraq, and Spain. Brief visits were also to be made to Istanbul, Rome, and Lisbon before their return, scheduled for January 26.



Tilmer O. Engebretson, Attache, Tehran was a member of the panel of the symposium on "Modernization in Agriculture" in October at Abbassabad, a suburb of Tehran. L. to r. John M. Cassels, AID; Engineer Farhang Rad of the Khuzistan Province Water and Power Authority; Mr. Engebretson; Engineer Amir-Hossein Amir Parviz, Director General of the Rural Cooperatives; and Mr. Heffron, Chairman of the Iran-America Society.



Superior features of U.S. cotton were discussed at a luncheon in Djakarta attended by Indonesian and other Far Eastern trade and government officials, and Agricultural Attache Carl O. Winberg, and Cotton Marketing Specialist Guy A.W. Schilling. Indonesia was one of 17 countries Schilling visited recently in Europe, Africa and the Far East promoting American cotton. (Left to right) K.C. Sehgal, First Secretary, Indian Embassy; Mr. Sardjono, Department of People Industry, Indonesia; Schilling; Z. Camil, Import Section, Indonesian Government; Winberg; T. Fukushima, First Secretary, Japanese Embassy.



Mrs. Pauline Dowrick, Foreign Market Information Division, is given a Certificate of Merit and a cash award by W.A. Minor (right), Assistant Administrator, while Kenneth W. Olson, (left) Director of FMI, looks on. Mrs. Dowrick was commended for devising an improved system of keeping mailing lists up-to-date.

TRANSFER



TRAFFIC

Joseph R. Williams, formerly Assistant Agricultural Attache in Brussels, has been named Agricultural Officer in Salisbury and was expected to arrive at his post about Feb. 1. He will be replaced in Brussels by Richard E. Bell, formerly Assistant Agricultural Attache in Ottawa, who has been in the United States recently for home leave and French language training. Dick expects to leave for Brussels about mid-March.

John C. McDonald, formerly with Foreign Market Information Division, has arrived in Ottawa as successor to Richard Bell as Assistant Agricultural Attache.

John D. Motz, who was Assistant Agricultural Attache in Tokyo from 1957

to 1961 and recently with the Office of the Inspector General, will leave in early February to become Agricultural Attache in Athens; Henry Baehr having been transferred to Vienna as previously reported in the FAS Letter.

Eugene T. Ransom, former Attache in Manila and Wellington, and more recently Acting Director of the Dairy and Poultry Division, has transferred to IADS to be Area Coordinator for the Far East and Asia. He has been succeeded as Dairy and Poultry Division acting director by Norman G. Paulhus, who has had long Government and private industry experience, particularly in the poultry marketing field.

ON HOME LEAVE

Hugh V. Robinson from Stockholm and Neil P. Witting from Monrovia. Neil will delay his return to Monrovia for five weeks, during which he'll be studying French at FSI.

Henry Hopp and his family have been enjoying home leave from their post in Mexico City. They spent the holidays in South Carolina, then drove to California. They expect to return to Mexico in mid-February.

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The appropriations for FAS for the 1964 fiscal year, which were passed in late December, included increases on an annual basis of \$108,000 for International Trade Activities, \$81,500 for Commodity Programs, and \$100,000 for Agricultural Attaches.

HOT SPRINGS CONFERENCE COMMEMORATED BY FAO



A replica of the plaque hanging in Hot Springs, Virginia, where FAO was founded, was unveiled by Dr. Roland R. Renne, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, at the FAO headquarters in Rome during the 12th Session of the FAO Conference, November 16-December 5. L. to r. Ralph W. Phillips, Director, International Organizations Staff, USDA; Mrs. Ursula Hubbard Duffus, Second Secretary, American Embassy; Dr. Renne; Representative Ralph Harvey of Indiana.

CEREALS TRAINEES HONORED



Three trainees from the Office of Cereals of the Moroccan Government were honored at a dinner party given by the Director of the Office upon their return to Rabat from the United States. Ambassador John H. Ferguson presented each with a certificate. L. to r. Front Row: Lewis Dean Brown, Counsellor, American Embassy (on upper step); Ambassador Ferguson; Abd El Khalak Kebbaj, Director, Cereals Office; Richard Aldrich, Director, AID Mission. Second Row: Trainee Mohamed Meddoun, Marketing Supervisor, Cereals Office; Trainee Mohamed Ghrabi, Records Supervisor, Cereals Office; Rose Marie Asch, Training Officer, AID; James P. Emerson, Chief Agriculturist, AID. Top Row: Ahmed Dinia, Chief of Staff, Cereals Office; W. Gordon Loveless, Agricultural Attache; Trainee Zaimi Hassan, Title II Programs, Cereals Office; Gerald Strauss, Deputy Director, AID.



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